

## LOOK HERE FIRST

June 2025 Newsletter | Volume 34, No. 6 | framinghamlibrary.org



## Celebrate LGBTQIA+ Pride Month with the City of Framingham

June 1, 2–6PM I Memorial Building
Celebrate the 7th Annual Framingham
Pride on Sunday, June 1! Join the
City of Framingham from 2–3PM at
the Memorial Building for the official
raising of the Pride Progress Flag in
honor of LGBTQIA+ Pride Month.

The celebration continues from 3–6PM with our very first Pride Block Party in the parking lot behind City Hall.

This rain-or-shine event includes inspiring speakers and a strong sense of community. Don't miss it!



#### Changes to the Minuteman App

The new Minuteman Mobile app replaces the Minuteman Library Network app. The new app is available

now in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store. If you are a Minuteman Library Network app user, delete your current app and install the new Minuteman Mobile app.

Beginning June 1, the Minuteman Library Network app will no longer work. Learn more on our website.







## Street Stories: The Human Side of Homelessness with David Gordon June 5, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Hear about the human side of homelessness from photographer David Gordon, who's spoken with nearly 200 individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Boston. Join us as David shares his photos and the stories behind those photos.

#### **Prison Book Program**

June 11, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Want to make a tangible difference? Join Kelly Brotzman, Executive Director of the Prison Book Program, as she delves into the program's mission to provide books to incarcerated individuals. Learn how your time or gently used books can make a real difference in the lives of those behind bars.

## McAuliffe Morning Book Discussion with bestselling author Jo Piazza June 26, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Don't miss this special book discussion of *The Sicilian Inheritance* with bestselling author and award-winning journalist Jo Piazza who joins us on Zoom. Get your copy of the book and join us in person for this special discussion. If you're not a member of the McAuliffe Book Discussion mailing list, join today!

Both the Main Library and McAuliffe Branch are closed on Thursday, June 19 for the Juneteenth holiday.

#### Main Library

49 Lexington Street 508.532.5570 Monday—Thursday 9–9 Friday—Saturday 9–5 Sunday 1–5

#### Christa McAuliffe Branch Library

746 Water Street 508.532.5636 Monday–Thursday 9:30–9 Friday–Saturday 9:30–5 Sunday 12–4 Sign up for email updates of Library news and events at framinghamlibrary.org!

Funding for Library programs is provided in part by the Friends of the Framingham Library.

















#### Job Search Prep Program: **Establishing Rapport with** Interviewers

June 2, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room They like your resume and invited you to interview for the role. How best to prepare? Join resident Certified Interview Coach Ed Lawrence to discuss interviewing and to practice the fine art of building rapport with the interviewer.

#### Virtual Reality: Choose Your **Own Adventure**

June 2-4, 2-7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Come check out what you missed! Let us know which of our previous virtual reality programs you want to see, and we'll have it ready for you. To reserve your time slot, call the McAuliffe Branch at 508.532.5636 or register online.

#### **Creating Community in Perinatal** Mental Health

June 7, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room Learn how family planning, fertility treatment, pregnancy, and postpartum can impact our mental health. Get resources for various related supports and educational materials to help navigate a complex life adjustment/transition.

#### Job Search Prep Program: **Negotiating Salary & Benefits**

June 9, 10AM | Main Library, Costin Room You just landed a job! Have you discussed salary yet? How about the benefits? They said they want you. Now is the time to tell them what you want. Join resident career coach Ed Lawrence to discuss the fine field of salary and benefits.

#### Virtual Chat with Author Edward Underhill: A "Together With Pride" **Event**

June 9, 7PM | Zoom only

Join transgender YA and adult author Edward Underhill as he discusses his two newest books with teen librarian Jennifir Huston from Boyden Library. Register for the Zoom link at bit.ly/edunderhill.

#### **Zine Workshop**

June 12, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab Come learn about our new zine collection and how to make your very own zine! You can even make a zine to donate to our collection.

#### Plant, Pollinators, and You June 14, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room & Pollinator Garden

Explore the world of pollinators and native plants with Native Plant Trust and learn what you can do to help both. After the talk, we look at the library's pollinator garden for an example of what you could do at home.

#### Art Journal Jam for Adults

June 17, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab Bring your own art journal and prepare to get messy! Join us for

this casual, unstructured session. No experience required. Some supplies are provided, but feel free to bring your favorite medium to work in. Space is limited. Registration required.

#### **Board Game Night**

June 23, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Come try one of the library's board games. We teach you the rules, no experience needed. Or bring your own and teach us something new! All are welcome!

#### **Tuesday Craft Night: Butterfly Terrariums**

June 24, 6-8PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Design, shrink, and display your own vibrant butterflies in a whimsical mini terrarium. Supplies are provided but are limited. Bring your imagination!

#### Craft Ladies: Woven Rope Wreaths

June 25, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

Weave jute and cotton rope to create wreaths. Materials are provided to embellish your wreath, or bring your own! Space and materials are limited. Register at tinyurl.com/FPL-Rope. Expect an email confirmation and reminder of the upcoming workshop after registering.

#### **BOOK DISCUSSIONS**

Join the mailing list for one, two, or all of our book discussions! Learn which books are chosen for each meeting and receive links Zoom only discussions. **Find sign-up forms online**.

#### Main Library Book Discussion: Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

June 3, 7PM | Zoom only | Join mailing list.

The Main Library Book Discussion resumes in September with Isola by Allegra Goodman.

#### McAuliffe Book Swap

June 10, 5-7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

#### McAuliffe Book Discussion (Evening): North Woods by Daniel Mason

June 10, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Join mailing list.

July 8: The Fox Wife by Yangsze Choo

#### Science Fiction Book Discussion: Floating Hotel by Grace Curtis

June 11, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room & Zoom | Join mailing list.

July 9: Orbital by Samantha Harvey

#### Queer Reads Book Discussion: Even Though I Knew the End by C. L. Polk

June 17, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room | Join mailing list.

July 15: Interesting Facts About Space by Emily Austin

#### McAuliffe Book Discussion (Morning): The Sicilian Inheritance by Jo Piazza

June 26, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | Join mailing list.

July 17: How to Read a Book by Monica Wood



#### **FILMS**

#### Saturday Matinee: Hairspray

June 7, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 1988, PG, 1h 32m

"A 'pleasantly plump' teenager teaches 1962 Baltimore a thing or two about integration after landing a spot on a local TV dance show."

#### Saturday Night Movie: Hedwig and the Angry Inch

June 7, 7PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 2001, R, 1h 35m

"A gender-queer punk-rock singer from East Berlin tours the U.S. with her band as she tells her life story and follows the former lover/band-mate who stole her songs."

#### McAuliffe Matinee: Mrs. Miniver

June 11, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1942, NR, 2h 14m "A British family struggles to survive the first months of World War II."

#### Musicals at McAuliffe: Waitress: The Musical

June 12, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 2023, NR, 2h 24m

"The hit Broadway musical about a small-town pie baker with big dreams gets the silver screen treatment."

#### McAuliffe Matinee: Daughters of the Dust

June 18, 1PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room | 1991, PG, 1h 53m

"A languid, impressionistic story of three generations of Gullah women living on the South Carolina Sea Islands in 1902."

#### Monday Matinee: The Birdcage

June 23, 2PM | Main Library, Costin Room | 1996, R, 1h 57m

"A gay cabaret owner and his drag queen companion agree to put up a false straight front so that their son can introduce them to his fiancée's right-wing, conservative parents."



#### ONGOING EVENTS

#### **One-on-One Career Services**

Thursdays, 9AM–1:30PM | Zoom only Email career coach Ed Lawrence at elawrence@minlib.net to schedule an appointment.

#### Walk-in Career Services

Tuesdays, 2–4PM | Main Library No appointment necessary!

#### **Open Spark Lab**

June 3, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab

#### Writing Together on Wednesdays

June 4 & 18, 7PM | Main Library, Children's Program Room

#### Stretch & Relax

June 4 & 18, 3PM | Zoom only

#### **Tone & Stretch**

June 9 & 23, 4:30PM | Zoom only

#### Chair Stretch & Relax

- \* June 12, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room
- \* No class on June 26

#### Join our Exercise mailing

**list** to receive weekly email reminders with Zoom links.

#### Veterans At Ease Coffee Hour

June 20, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

#### McAuliffe Puzzle Swap

June 23, 7PM | McAuliffe Branch, Cafe

#### Mah Jongg Night

June 25, 6PM | Main Library, J Program Room

Experienced players with National Mah Jongg League card.

#### **Bachata**

June 28, 3PM | Main Library, Costin Room

Join our Dance Class mailing list for updates.

#### Main Library Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 10AM and 2nd & 4th Saturdays, 10AM

#### McAuliffe Branch Yarn Social Hour

Wednesdays, 6PM

#### YOUNG ADULTS

#### Weekly Minecraft Collaborative Build

Wednesdays, 1–3PM | Online | Grades 4–12

Work on a group build in Creative Mode. Must be accepted on Minecraft server to participate. For more info, visit framinghamlibrary.org/minecraft.

#### Alphabet Soup: Queer Teen Hangout

June 5, 6PM | Main Library, Teen Room June 26, 6PM | McAuliffe Branch, Teen Room | Grades 6–12

A twice monthly meeting for LGBTQIA+ and allied teens to hang out and do arts and crafts. McAuliffe meeting moved to the fourth Thursday of the month due to the Juneteenth holiday.

#### Maker Mondays: Pride Fuse Beads

June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30, 3PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 6–12

It's Pride Month, so stop by and make themed fuse bead pixel art (or whatever else you want to make!). Come once and make something simple, or come every week to make a larger creation.

#### **Summer Reading Kick-off**

June 21, 10AM–12PM | McAuliffe Branch | All ages

Sign up for summer reading early and get a t-shirt just for doing so!

#### Pride Fuse Beads at McAuliffe

June 28, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Grades 6–12

It's Pride Month, so stop by the McAuliffe Branch and make themed fuse bead pixel art (or whatever else you want to make!).

#### LITERACY UNLIMITED

#### Join Our Community!

Are you an adult who wants to improve your spoken English or reading ability? Or would you like to volunteer your time to help an adult achieve their English learning goals? To learn more about our English one-to-one tutoring, our English Conversation classes, and our community, please contact us at fplmail4@minlib.net or 508-532-5574.

#### **SUPPORTERS**

## Framingham Public Library Foundation (FPLF)

The FPLF through its many fundraisers is helping to make the Library a Third Place—an inviting place that is not home, school, or work. The Library is also a place to gather with friends, study or read quietly, or enjoy a library program.

To donate to the FPLF, go to fplf.org or send a check to FPLF, 49 Lexington Street, Framingham, MA 01702. For information about the FPLF, email Ruth Winett at rwinett@rcn.com.

#### Friends Book & Tag Sale

June 21, 10AM-3PM | Main Library

Don't miss this last sale before summer! Fill a bag of books in the Bag Room (Costin Room) for only \$12 (half a bag for \$6). Check out the Friends Annex and the boxes of books in the lobby. These books are available only during the Saturday book sales. (Friends members may enter the sale at 9:30AM.)

**Can't Make the Book Sale?** The Friends Bookstore is open during library hours.

### Time to Renew Your Friends Membership!

This July help us help the Library by renewing your membership or joining for the first time. We welcome any and all levels of participation. Join or renew today!



#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

The Framingham Library wishes a very happy birthday to long-time staff member,

Janet, whose years of dedication and service are a model for us all!

As a member of our Circulation team, Janet brings with her a positivity that is unmatched and energy that is unrivaled.

We hope our patrons, like our staff, celebrate Janet's birthday along with her many contributions to the Framingham community.

## SUMMER EATS (FREE LUNCH PROGRAM)

June 23—August 21 at the Main Library & McAuliffe Branch



Summer Eats is a program that provides FREE meals to kids 18 years and under!

#### Main Library:

Mondays, Wednesday & Fridays from 12-1PM

#### McAuliffe Branch:

Tuesdays & Thursdays from 12–1PM

Summer Eats es un programa que provee comida GRATIS a todos los niños de 18 años y menores.

#### **Biblioteca Principal:**

Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes de 12 a 13 h.

#### Biblioteca McAuliffe:

Martes y Jueves de 12 a 13 h.

O Summer Eats é um programa que oferece refeições GRATUITAS para todas as crianças e adolescentes de até 18 anos.

#### Bibiloteca Principal:

Segundas, Quartas e Sextas, das 12h às 13h

#### Biblioteca McAuliffe:

Terças e Quintas Das 12h ÀS 13h

#### MCAULIFFE BRANCH SPECIAL EVENTS

#### **Open Color**

June 4, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages

Drop in to color printed out pictures and do fun mazes and word activity sheets!

#### **OUT Metrowest: Pride Shrinky Dinks**

June 8, 1-3PM | Community Room | All ages

Come make your own Pride charms to celebrate your fullest YOU. This program is in partnership with OUT Metrowest.

#### No K-Day Craft: Chalk Art

June 9, 11:30AM | Astronauts Grove | Ages 5+

Come to the McAuliffe Branch on this No Kindergarten Day. Make chalk drawings on the patio for everyone to see. This program is weather dependent.

#### **Bubble Dance Party**

June 10, 11AM | Astronauts Grove | Ages 0-4

Start your day with some bubbles, music, and dancing!

#### Sun Suncatchers

June 20, 3:30PM | Craft Room | All ages

It's the first day of summer, so we're capturing the sun in suncatchers!

#### MAIN LIBRARY SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Mother Goose on the Loose

June 2, 9 & 16, 5:30PM | J Program Room Registration closed. Check back for the next session!

#### Fred Adoption Celebration

June 5, 11AM | Children's Room

The Friends of the Framingham Library are adopting Fred the turtle! Come celebrate with us this special occasion. And not to worry, Fred's home remains at the Main Library where you can stop by anytime to say hello!

# Iry Iry

#### **Music and Movement**

June 9, 2PM | Costin Room | Ages 2+

Come sing songs and play through movement!

#### Create and Chill

June 10, 5PM | Spark Lab | Ages 8+

Relax by making anything you like using the various drawing and painting mediums.

#### Lego Build

June 12, 4PM | Spark Lab | Ages 5+

Make a Lego creation to display at the library.

#### Pipe Cleaner Bracelet Making

June 16, 11AM | Spark Lab | All Ages Using pipe cleaners to make a bracelet.

#### Collage: Show Your Sparkle

June 23, 5PM | Spark Lab | All Ages

Use pictures and text from magazines to create a collage. Express yourself and celebrate what makes you unique. Various shiny craft materials are available.

## Summer Reading starts June 21!

Summer reading kicks off on Saturday, June 21 with Truck Day! Come to the McAuliffe Branch and Hemingway School from 10AM–12PM to check out some of the city's BIGGEST trucks. Then, grab your summer reading t-shirt and get reading!



## MCAULIFFE BRANCH SPECIAL EVENTS CONTINUED

#### **Heart Beading**

June 23, 6PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+

Make a beaded heart shaped decoration or use some heart-shaped beads to make a bracelet!

#### Toddler Craft: Rainbow in a Bag

June 25, 11AM | Craft Room | Ages 2+

With paint on a canvas in a bag, spread around rainbow colors and make a beautiful work of art!

#### Lego Build

June 26, 3:30PM | Craft Room | Ages 5+ Make a Lego creation to display at the library.

#### Summer Reading: Danger Wizard

June 28, 2-5PM | Community Room | All ages

Join Dungeon Master Danger Wizard for an epic quest of gold, guile, and glory! Bring a level 1 D&D 2024 or 5e character or choose one at the start of the session. All materials provided—no prior experience necessary. Registration is required at bit.ly/McA-DnD.

#### **Family Paint Night**

June 30, 6PM | Craft Room | All ages

Hang out and paint a chosen scene on canvas. Juice and snacks provided! Get a raffle ticket from the Children's Desk within 30 minutes of the program to secure your spot. Space is limited.

#### TWEEN EVENTS

#### Kids' Chess Club

June 3, 5PM | Main Library, Homework Center June 17, 5PM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room

This Chess Club is an informal group welcoming everyone from new players to junior chess masters! Chess boards are provided, or you can bring your own. Staff are available to help with questions, but do not teach chess.

#### **DIY Kinetic Sand**

June 5, 3:30PM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronauts Grove | Ages 8+ Make your own kinetic sand—plain or in a rainbow of colors!

#### **Summer Board Game Workshop Registration**

July 10-August 28, 6-8PM | McAuliffe Branch | Ages 10+

Register for our very own board game making workshop! This 2-hour, weekly program runs every Thursday from July 10 to August 28. Learn basic game design principles and then apply those to create our own playable board games! Supplies and space are limited. Registration is required at bit.ly/MCA\_BoardGame\_Workshop starting June 11.

#### **Fuse Bead Social**

June 14, 2PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8 Hang out and make fuse bead designs. In honor of Pride month, extra templates and bead colors for LGBTQ+ and ally creations are available!

#### **DIY Lanyards & Keychains**

June 25, 6PM | Main Library, Spark Lab | Grades 4–8 Make your own cotton ribbon lanyard or keychain by sewing machine or hand sewing.

#### **ONGOING EVENTS**

#### Weekly Storytimes (Ages 3-5)

Mondays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Children's Room Thursdays, 10AM | Main Library, Children's Program Room Drop in every week for age appropriate stories and a craft.

#### Baby Storytime (Ages 0-2)

Tuesdays, 10AM | McAuliffe Branch, Community Room Fridays, 10:30AM | Main Library, Costin Room Sing and play with words, rhyme, and puppets!

#### **Baby Sensory Series**

Fun, safe, & simple sensory activities to help your baby explore.

#### **Hidden Colors**

June 3, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room | Ages 0-4

#### Sponges & Water

June 27, 11AM | McAuliffe Branch, Astronauts Grove | Ages 0-4

#### **Book Buddies: Reading to Dogs**

June 7, 11:30AM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Arden) June 14, 2PM | McAuliffe Branch, Craft Room (Daisy) Improve your reading skills by reading aloud to your new Book Buddy. Registration required. Call or drop by to sign up for a time slot.



June 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Framingham Pride Ceremony 2:00pm @ City Hall Pride Block Party 3:00pm @ City Hall		Hidden Colors 11:00am @ McAuliffe Kids' Chess Club 5:00pm @ Main	Open Color 3:30 @ McAuliffe	Fred Adoption Celebration 11:00am @ Main DIY Kinetic Sand 3:30pm @ McAuliffe		Book Buddies 11:30am @ McAuliffe
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
OUT Metrowest: Pride Shrinky Dinks 1:00pm @ McAuliffe	Chalk Art 11:30 @ McAuliffe Music and Movement 2pm @ Main	Bubble Dance Party 11:00am @ McAuliffe Create and Chill 5pm @ Main		Lego Build 4:00pm @ Main		Book Buddies 11:30am @ McAuliffe Fuse Bead Social 2:00pm @ Main
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Pipe Cleaner Bracelet Making 11:00am @ Main	Kids' Chess Club 5:00pm @ McAuliffe			Sun Suncatchers 3:30pm @ McAuliffe	Truck Day: Summer Reading Kickoff 10:00am @ McAuliffe + Hemenway School
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Summer Eats starts this week!	Collage: Show Your Sparkle 5:00pm @ Main Heart Beading 6:00pm @ McAuliffe		Rainbow in a Bag 11:00am @ McAuliffe DIY Lanyards & Keychains 6:00pm @ Main	Lego Build 3:30pm @ McAUliffe	Sponges & Water 11:00am @ McAuliffe	Summer Reading: Danger Wizard 2:00pm @ McAuliffe
29	30	Truck Day:		Summer Board Game Workshop Registration		
	Family Paint Night 6:00pm @ McAuliffe	Summer Reading Kickoff McAuliffe Library + Hemenway School Sat. June 21, 10am-12pm		Register from June 11-25   Ages 10+   McAuliffe A weekly program that will run every Thursday from July 10th to August 28th. Registration is required, supplies and space are limited. https://bit.ly/MCA_BoardGame_Workshop		